

1. I was awarded a Bachelor of Science degree in Chemical Engineering from The City University of New York in 1962 and a Doctor of Philosophy degree in Chemistry from Brandeis University in 1973.

2. I have worked for Castrol North America Inc. (now BP Lubricants USA) an Affiliate of Assignee Castrol Limited as a Senior Researcher since 1987.

3. During my course of employment I have had a wide range of responsibilities in technical fields related to automotive lubricants and lubricant additives.

4. I am one of the named inventors of the claimed subject matter of the above identified patent application.

5. I have read US Patent Application Publication No. 2001/0047309 to Bartholomew et al having a provisional filing date of March 31, 2000.

6. On a date prior to March 31, 2000 the other inventors and I conceived of the invention that is described and claimed in the subject application. On a date prior to March 31, 2000 I recorded the invention in a lab notebook as evidenced by Lab Notebook No. 379 pages 1-9. On a date prior to March 31, 2000, we discussed the invention with our outside patent counsel and forwarded the notebook pages to him as evidenced by the fax cover sheet.

7. Copies of the fax cover sheet and Lab Notebook pages are attached hereto as Exhibit A. The Exhibit is a true copy of the cover sheet and notebook pages except that the dates thereof were redacted, but are all prior to March 31, 2000.

8. On April 12, 2000, less than four months after faxing the notebook pages, our outside counsel filed Provisional Patent Application No. 60/196,294 which is the priority document of the present Application No. 09/829,393 directed to the Customized Motor Oil Selection.

9. During the time between conception of the invention and the constructive reduction to practice the invention was not abandoned, suppressed or concealed and the inventors exercised reasonable diligence.

10. It is my belief, based on communication with outside counsel during the drafting process and the reasonable time frame of four months to get the application on file, that our attorney also exercised reasonable diligence when drafting and filing the patent application.

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful and false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or Imprisonment, or both, under 18 U.S.C. section 1001 and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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